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August 6, 2015

Mr. Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Competitive telecommunications providers are important for economic development and Charter Communications is one of those a providers. Charter's broadband network provides video, voice and data products to residential and business customers in the 13<sup>th</sup> District. Charter has committed in the merger with Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks to go beyond the FCC's Open Internet Order, agreeing not to engage in data caps or usage based billing.

Charter has brought jobs to Missouri and has brought outsourced customer care positions back home, which have added hundreds of new jobs in St. Louis County. As a supporter of our military veterans, I compliment Charter for their efforts to hire veterans into various positions with the company.

Charter also is part of our community by providing financial support and volunteers to help rebuild low-income homes. They have also been a sponsor for many years of the North St. Louis County Mayor's Shamrock Ball, in which the proceeds of the event support Valley Industries, a not for profit sheltered workshop providing meaningful employment to adults with developmental disabilities. Charter has also utilized their technology to work with elected officials on public service announcements. Charter's high quality services and its demonstration of job growth will enhance areas that will become a part of Charter. I ask that the FCC review and approve the New Charter merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina Walsh".

Gina Walsh  
State Senator  
13<sup>th</sup> District